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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft antitrust dispute. The Microsoft Company is an American Dream that all people in this great country have and the opportunity to make come true. I would hope the Government does not discourage this American way of life with further litigation. I support Microsoft in this dispute, and I sincerely hope there will be no further action against Microsoft at the federal level.

The settlement that was reached in November is both fair and reasonable. Microsoft has pledged to carry out all terms and conditions of this agreement. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Microsoft has also agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows.

This settlement will benefit the entire technology industry. Please support this settlement and allow Microsoft to devote its talent and resources to work, rather than litigation.

Sincerely,



David Banks